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Dear Recharge & Recovery Stakeholders,

As part of the Department's ongoing efforts to address stakeholder concerns regarding the Recharge and Recovery Program, and in response to the recent recommendation made by the Post-2025 Active Management Areas (AMAs) Committee to the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council, the Department is forming a Recharge & Recovery workgroup. You are invited to participate.

The workgroup will serve as a forum for stakeholder feedback on the framework from which the program operates (i.e., statutes, rules, management plan requirements and substantive policy). The goal of this process is to develop a more thorough understanding of the challenges and needs of the stakeholders and identify potential improvements that can be implemented within the existing regulatory framework. The Department plans to hold a series of three initial workgroup meetings.

The first two meetings will be designed as educational workshops, aimed at building a consistent foundational understanding of the program requirements and enabling focused discussion at subsequent meetings. The workshops will be informal and interactive, allowing for questions and providing time for discussion at the end of each. A questionnaire will be sent to stakeholders following each of the workshops, soliciting input regarding challenges, concerns, and potential opportunities for improvement. At least one additional meeting is currently planned at which further discussion and input on potential program improvements will be the focus/goal. The information collected from the workshops and questionnaires will assist Department staff to better understand the issues and facilitate detailed exploration and feedback at this third meeting. Additional meeting(s) will be planned as needed for further discussion and input on potential program improvements.

Tentative dates for the three meetings are:

- Recovery workshop – ~~Thursday, April 14~~ Tuesday, April 19
- Recharge workshop – Thursday, May 12
- Stakeholder Input and Discussion: Recharge & Recovery Issues – Thursday, June 16

To kick-off the Recharge & Recovery workgroup, we have created a survey ([link](#)) that asks two questions to help guide our preparations and ensure the information presented is most useful:

(1) What is a topic or topics within the Recovery requirements that you would benefit from further clarification or explanation of?

(2) What is a topic or topics within the Recharge requirements that you would benefit from further clarification or explanation of?

The Department appreciates the comments received to date from stakeholders regarding this topic, and we will review them again as we prepare for the upcoming workshops. We look forward to continued input and collaboration through the Recharge & Recovery workgroup.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please direct them to Jenna Norris (jnorris@azwater.gov).

Sincerely,



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